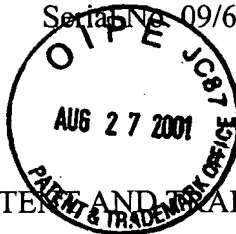


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Sir:

DR. MICHAEL B. ZEMEL, DR. HANG SHI, AND DR. PAULA C. ZEMEL DECLARE:

1. THAT we are co-inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/654,357.
2. THAT said invention was completed in the United States prior to January 2000, as shown by the following exhibits. We conceived and reduced to practice methods for the stimulation of lipolysis in animals by increasing the amounts of dietary calcium consumed by these animals. Dietary calcium is provided in the form of calcium carbonate or powdered non-fat milk. Exhibit 1 shows that increasing dietary calcium stimulates lipolysis. The effects of a high calcium diet on adipocyte lipolysis was assayed using a glycerol release assay as described in Example 2 of the above-identified patent application.

3. THAT Exhibit 1 is a copy of pages taken from a laboratory record created and maintained in the normal course of laboratory operations, prior to January 2000. The completion date of the experiments and analyses recorded in these laboratory notebook pages have been redacted. We hereby attest that these redacted dates are prior to the critical date.

*Swear* { We hereby further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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# PHOTOMETRY/GLYCL-HI

ID	I	mol/l			
STD 1	1.013	0.000			
STD 1	1.013	0.000			
MEAN	1.013	0.000	SD=	0.000	RSD= 0.489
STD 2	1.015	1.000			
STD 2	1.014	1.000			
MEAN	1.014	1.000	SD=	0.009	RSD= 0.072
STD 3	3.060	2.500			
STD 3	3.097	2.500			
MEAN	3.078	2.500	SD=	0.026	RSD= 0.844
STD 4	8.319	5.000			
STD 4	8.315	5.000			
MEAN	8.317	5.000	SD=	0.002	RSD= 0.024

# PHOTOMETRY/GLYCEROL

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STD 1	1.995	0.000			
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STD 2	2.988	0.050			
STD 2	3.001	0.050			
MEAN	2.994	0.050	SD=	0.009	RSD= 0.300
STD 3	8.394	0.100			
STD 3	8.417	0.100			
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STD 4	10.77	0.250			
STD 4	10.75	0.250			
MEAN	10.76	0.250	SD=	0.014	RSD= 0.130
STD 5	15.36	0.500			
STD 5	15.36	0.500			
MEAN	15.36	0.500	SD=	0.000	RSD= 0.000
STD 6	15.44	1.000			
STD 6	15.15	1.000			
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1a	1	4.762	0.074		
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1b	2	4.070	0.085	SD=	0.000
1b	3	6.028	0.143	SD=	0.000
1b	3	6.022	0.143	SD=	0.000
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2a	5	3.473	0.002	SD=	0.000
2a	5	3.479	0.003	SD=	0.000
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2b	6	5.085	0.091	SD=	0.000
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4a	7	4.530	0.061	SD=	0.000

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7	4.540	0.061				
4b	MEAN=	0.061	SD=	0.000	RSD=	0.000
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22	6.035	0.144				
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30	5.008	0.087				

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43	3.652 0.012		
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 71 5.740 0.127  
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			0.947136	
ACTH(100nM)				
con				
1a	0.038	0.3977	0.095549	
1b	0.057	0.3636	0.156766	
2a	0.058	0.4902	0.118319	
2b		0.4441		
3b	0.056	0.3771	0.148502	
4a	0.035	0.5005	0.06993	
4b	0.006	0.5643		0.010633
avg			0.117813	
high-Ca				
5a	0.017	0.4475		0.037989
5b	0.177	0.3302	0.536039	
6a	0.21	0.4576	0.458916	
6b	0.075	0.4078	0.183914	
7a	0.174	0.3832	0.454071	
7b	0.098	0.5349	0.183212	
8a	0.115	0.4088	0.281311	
8b	0.154	0.2215	0.69526	
avg			0.39896	
medium-dairy				
9a	0.166	0.5304	0.312971	
9b	0.107	0.4747	0.225406	
10a	0.169	0.53	0.318868	
10b	0.103	0.5327	0.193355	
11a	0.155	0.3235	0.479134	
11b	0.172	0.3931	0.437548	
12a	0.216	0.2288	0.944056	
12b	0.226	0.2761	0.818544	
avg			0.466235	
high-dairy				
13a	0.207	0.3945	0.524715	
13b	0.069	0.3999	0.172543	
14a	0.253	0.307	0.824104	
14b	0.237	0.2847	0.832455	
15a	0.196	0.2033	0.964092	
15b	0.198	0.3495	0.566524	
16a	0.023	0.4219		0.054515
16b	0.18	0.4152	0.433526	
avg			0.616851	